

REMARKS

The above election along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated September 15, 2003 (U.S. Patent Office Paper No. 00903), the period for response to which will expire on October 15, 2003.

Election / Restriction Requirement

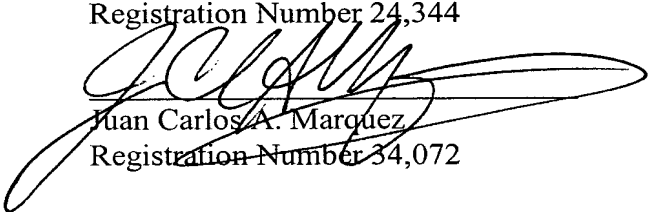
The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the substance of Claims 1 to 8 and 11 to 13 and to indicate the allowability of the claims.

Claims 1 to 8 and 11 to 13, drawn to an amino acid frame indication system, have been elected in this application, while remaining claims 9, 10, 14 and 15 are withdrawn from further prosecution at this point, without prejudice and traverse. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Substantive consideration of the elected claims is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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